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AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR UNGA KS KN SA

SUBJ: SAUDI ARABIAN POSITION ON KOREAN ISSUE

1. BAROODY HAS BEEN ON THE RAMPAGE DURING THESE PAST TWO WEEKS AT UNGA, SPEAKING IN VARIOUS COMMITTEES ON VARIOUS ISSUES AND IN PLENARY WITH VITRIOLIC ATTACKS ON AMERICAN SUBSTANTIVE POSITIONS AND ON AMERICAN LIFE IN GENERAL. HE HAS BEEN AT HIS VERY CONSIDERABLE WORST. HE WAS NOTABLY UNHELPLEFUL DURING FINAL STAGES OF KOREAN DEBATE IN COMMITTEE ONE AND JUST BEFORE THE VOTING; HIS TACTICS THERE SET UP SITUATION UNDER WHICH SOVIETS WERE ABLE TO LAMBAST US AS ONLY FOREIGN POWER HAVING TROOPS ON KOREAN PENINSULA AND FURTHER IMPUGN OUR MOTIVES AND DISTORT BASIC ISSUE. THERE IS NO REPEAT NO EVIDENCE THAT BAROODY MADE ANY EFFORT WHATEVER TO BRING GULF STATES ALONG WITH US IN VOTING, AS WE UNDERSTOOD HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO DO. WE GOT NONE OF THEIR VOTES. OMAN VOTED WITH US, BUT THAT WAS NOT DUE TO BAROODY.

2. WE JUDGE BAROODY'S TACTICS TO HAVE BEEN IN GOOD PART MOTIVATED BY A DESIRE TO MAINTAIN HIS VAUNTED STATUS OF PERSONAL INDEPENDENCE AND TO LAY SMOKE SCREEN OVER
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FACT THAT HE WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTE WITH US ALL

THE WAY ON KOREAN ISSUE. THIS HE DID IN THE END, BUT HE
DID US MUCH DAMAGE ON THE WAY.

3. GIVEN BAROODY'S PENCHANT FOR UNPREDICTABLE MANEUVERS AND
HIS ABILITY TO CONFUSE PROCEDURAL SITUATIONS AGAINST
OUR INTERESTS, HE MAY WELL FIND A WAY TO SLIDE OFF SAUDI
COMMITMENT TO VOTE WITH US IN PLENARY CONSIDERATION OF
KOREAN ITEM SCHEUDLED NOW FOR NOVEMBER 18. SUBJECT TO
EMBASSY JIDDA'S READING OF LOCAL SITUATION THERE,
WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE WELL TO TOUCH BASE ONCE AGAIN WITH
SAUDI FONMIN TO ENSURE THAT BAROODY RECEIVES IRONCLAD
INSTRUCTIONS.
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